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conquerors of another race were forced on
ern Europe. It would have been comple

to no longer take serious opposition to contend with. The House party, disorganized, divided about the Eastern question, and under a leadership which has never ventured to provoke a division, and has never raised a debate upon a state of the question, has been reduced to a minority. The Minister could possibly depend. Its members have contented themselves, upon the great questions of the day, with a mere display of eloquence, and with speeches, and with criticisms so obviously half-hearted that they excited neither interest nor attention. The display of the House of Commons, however, and the superior strength of the Opposition in intellectual power, official experience, and fertility of resources, has not been able to make much headway. Nor has he been embarrassed by any personal antagonism. Nobody dislikes Sir Stafford Northcote, and he has no personal animosity against any of the existing personal resentments which in some men amount to a kind of perverse genius. The House of Commons has been able to speak to him reasonably, and he may fairly be said to be popular throughout the House. Nevertheless, he is not popular with the public. He does not seem to be sufficiently obvious. He does not nerve, but only follows. Whether from want of nerve, or mere good fortune, he has not been able to make a name for himself. He makes a practice of letting the House, and especially his own party in the House, have its own way upon all important questions.

was stronger than death. Brahma then
restored him to life upon the same condition.

The injury done to the House of Commons by weak-kneed leadership is very great, for it develops a habit of looking to the Government for the right public meeting, the absence of sufficient individual responsibility for acts. The one thing required of a Government is that it should not be so easily and so generally in agreement to any unusual course, as is that it have an opinion strong enough to induce action in the House. I have already stated that I am in the face of his constituents' demands. Under the procedure, however, fostered by Sir S. Northcote's irresolute leadership, the Government have been not only a floating idea in his mind, subjected to no test and involving no consequences, that he would rather follow the lead of the Opposition than give his own opinion on the matter, still less an opinion strong enough to console him when retired with having done his duty against a Government of such inefficiency, a prepossession, an impression which, if he were brought to the test of a vote, he would not be able to shake off. The Government have not only earned the disapproval of the House, but have incurred the disapproval of the public. No reconciliation is, however, allowed him by Sir Stafford Northcote. The Government have been obliged to withdraw from cheering or the Whips' report about his sentiments, as a final indication of his opinion, and in the course of the last few days he has been continually given way. The vote is, in fact, taken by secret ballot, and members are left, as they would be

the Foreign Minister and the Duchesse

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weakness in the

THE ARRIVAL OF THE WHAMPOA.—Our telegraphic message from Melbourne intimates the arrival of the fine vessel. She was expected in Hobson's Bay about one o'clock this morning. She is en route for Sydney. She left England on the 2nd June, and has been carrying the trip in 43 days. The late Mr. Kent, who arrived at the office yesterday afternoon, week, made the trip in 48 days, and brought a large number of English journals to a date seven days later than the Whampoa. Messrs. Gurney and O. Company are sending by mail. The Whampoa left England on the 20th inst., as the mails which are being brought by way of San Francisco, and which arrived at Auckland yesterday afternoon. The Whampoa will leave for Southampton for transmission by the Suez route. On the 27th inst. and O. mails are due in Sydney on the 27th inst. On the 30th of June month, the Brindisi dates being brought by the Whampoa. Possibly we shall receive English files per the latter vessel on Wednesday, the 3rd July. Mails are not delivered before the day (the due date) anticipated. The Brindisi dates from London and Suez by nine days; whilst the files via Brindisi

paid for by the colony should be for the sole use of the colony."

Accidents.—GEOGRAPHY.—An accident, which, fortunately, was attended with no serious consequences, occurred about midday on Saturday, in George-street, near its junction with King-street, when a horse-drawn carriage, driven by Dr. Moffitt, and Miss Moffitt, was being driven along the street, when, apparently through the carelessness of the driver, the horse was brought suddenly and violently to a stop, and the carriage fell so violently against the pavement as to overturn it. The driver was walking close by the spot where the accident occurred, and constable Smith, assisted the ladies to get out of the carriage, and Mr. Charles W. Banks, where every attention being paid the ladies were recovered from their fright, and were afterwards put in a cab and removed home. One of the springs of

There is little likelihood at present that the principle of vessels of the kind referred to will

GUILD HALL LITERARY AND DEBATING CLUB.—The half-yearly meeting of this club was held on last Friday evening, Mr. John Fitzerald (vice-president) in the chair. The secretary reported the receipt of a communication from Rev. A. W. Petre, signifying his acceptance of the office of president. The report of the proceedings of the society for the half-year ended 30th June, having been read and adopted, it was resolved to adjourn the further discussion of the debate, "That civilization does not tend to foster the poetic faculty," until next night of meeting, when the president will deliver his opening address.

There are those who think that in colonies

IMMIGRATION.—The *Gundagai Times* asserts that a resident of Gundagai commissioned a friend in

THIS has been called the age of great ideas.

of a couple of horses, and to do some light work in the garden. The very best man (single) was selected from 150 of them, and in due course arrived in Gundagai when it was found that he could do nothing except clean knives and boots. He had never put on a bridle or saddle, and had never used a spade in his life. After a few days it was discovered that he was an old discharged soldier from the Indian service, and this was, we are assured, the picked man of the lot.

A PRAISEWORTHY ACT.—The *Dubbo Dispatch* says:—

tending to corrupt the tastes of the population. Whatever may be the state of this—

the title of a spectacular drama just introduced here by Mr. C. Wheatleigh, who not long since delighted Sydney playgoers by presenting "The Shaughran" to them. He chose the Queen's Theatre and last Saturday night for presenting his grandiose and

number of families, are to be heard
not so much in the rural dis-

Although the drama is a novelty here, it has had so much of a run of deserved success in England, in France, and on the widely distributed theatrical stages of the American continent, that the people of Sydney are scarcely likely to permit it to pass unseen. It is a conception of the most diversified character, relieved by all disagreeable sensationalism, and yet interweaving fact and fiction in such pleasing contrariety and alter-

them to cluster in large cities. If one of

agony," that, apart from Mr. Whistling's dramatical execution, it deserves to be patronised for its own unique merits. It is an almost incontrovertible fact that a trip can be made around the globe in time specified that the drama is based. Some sixty persons are involved in the play, but the leading personages are Mr. Piffles Fogg, who wagers £50,000 that he will go round the world in eighty days, and Mr. J. G. Beunett, an American, who accompanies him. There are other characters of importance are Fix, an English

making all transfers easy and by abolishing

and Passepartout, *Fogg's* servant and cashier, who successfully outwits the operations of *Fix*. The adventures of these four make the play, or rather what might very properly be called an animated panorama, full of agreeable interest. They proceed from London to Suez, and thence to India, where they get among Brahmins, and release a Christian lady from the snare of a cleverly-executed ruse of *Passepartout's*. That lady and her sister join the party and all proceed

price, we still find it a difficulty that

It is at Frisco the plot thickens; Fix, excellently impersonated by Mr. H. Leston, is here seen dogging Fogg, first as a Chinese huckster, and then as a Californian miner. They go by the Pacific railway towards New York, being attacked by Sioux Indians and barely escaping with their lives on the way. Arrived at New York they find themselves compelled to take passages by a vessel bound for Bordeaux. It turns out that if the vessel goes

is not because the land is locked up. On the contrary, it is thrown away, as the

puts on so much steam that she bursts up first and goes down afterwards. It transpires fortunately that boats had been prepared for the emergency and by their means the party reached the shore all safe. At this point Fix obtains a warrant he had long expected and arrests Fogg on the eve of victory. A providential telegram arrives, stating that the real robber has been apprehended, and the money recovered, and Fogg having been cleared of all charges, sails again by the

cause is sufficient to account for the fact. To some extent it may be due to the incoming

leigh's conception of Rogers' character is interesting and explicable throughout. He believes him to be an Englishman of the first water, so to speak, and portrays him as possessing, in large measure the provincial disregard for, and coolness in danger, those of his nation naturally enjoy. It is an excellent piece of calm, unexcited acting, and in no instance overdone. Through all the remarkable exigencies of his long journey, he is leisurely and imperturbable, and even when the eventful circumstance of his winning the

perhaps, to be found in the fact that artisanal life is considered of a higher social grade than

share of the credit of the good production and direction of the piece. Messrs. W. J. Wilson, and C. Minchella, the scenery painters, and Mr. H. Wmington, the machinist, deserve much commendation for efforts that are almost certain to assist in ensuring a large amount of patronage and success for it. The costumes and appointments of every nation encountered *en route* are noteworthy for reasonable fidelity to propriety, and were manifest auxiliaries in creating the interest, interest, applause with which the piece was

and also the reduction in the severity of work

BILLIARDS EXTRAORDINARY.—On Saturday evening a novel and interesting match at billiards was played at the "Punch" Hotel, between Mr. Austin, a professional player in London, and Mr. Dean, one of the strongest players in Sydney. Mr. Austin, who has recently arrived in this colony, has had the misfortune to lose his right arm, and therefore propels his ball by means of his left arm, and therefore played with a peculiarly jerky thrust, and therefore lost; but, notwithstanding this, he

tunities for bringing them up to a trade. Yet,

the match. When game was called Mr. Austin, who only wanted 4 points, had just commenced a break which he ran up afterwards to 84, while Mr. Deane, with his handicap, stood at 482. Mr. Austin's skill in scoring is something wonderful; in the manner in which he makes cannons and pockets must be seen to be understood. His best breaks during the game were 81, 26, 76, 44, and 36 respectively, and included some really marvellous shots.

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ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL. TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.

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SOUTH CREEK.

SUNDAY.

We have had four days' rain. The water is five feet over the bridge. All the low lands are submerged. It is still raining heavily.

BATHURST. **SATURDAY.**
In the football match to-day, the King's school won, scoring a goal and two tries to one try for Bathurst.

SCONE. **SATURDAY.**

Light rain fell all yesterday, and light showers have continued, at intervals, up to noon to-day. Since then there has been a steady downpour, with every appearance of a continuance.

BRISBANE.

SATURDAY.

Notices of motion have been given in the Assembly to remit the duty on hemp, and reduce the duty on leaf tobacco one half.

ARRIVED.—Charles Dickens, ship, from Hamburg with 600 immigrants.

The weather has been dull and wintry to-day, threatening rain.

Cargoes of Australian coal ex Cyclone and Rainbow sold at Singapore at 64 dollars. The Kapunda cargo of Newcastle coal sold at Manila at 72 dollars.

ARRIVED.—Mail steamer Normanby. She was refused pratique, and proceeds to Sydney to-night, after coaling. It is reported that Madame de la Forest, saloon passenger, was one who died from Asiatic cholera. The others on board are all now well.

SAILLED.—Brisbane (s), for Singapore; Alexandria (s), for Sydney.

MELBOURNE. **SATURDAY.**
The population at the end of last year was 846,300.
The expenditure of the general Government for last year, is returned at £6,372,843; and of the municipalities, £641,000; the total being £5,232,499.
The three Melbourne Gas Companies are to be amalgamated into one Company, to be called the "Metropolitan Gas Company."
A writ has been issued for the Sandhurst election. The nomination is fixed for the 19th; the polling for the 25th instant.
At the football match Melbourne versus Carlton

to-day, about five thousand persons were present. Some very nice play was exhibited. The Carletons obtained four goals to nothing.

SUNDAY.

The steamship Whampoa has arrived, having made the passage in 45 days. She will reach the bay about half-past 1 o'clock on Monday morning. There is heavy fog to-night.

BALLARAT.

SATURDAY.

The yield at the Bend and Albion mines for the week amounts to 49 ozs. 4 dwts.

QUEENSLIFF.

ARRIVED. —Europe, French barque, from Paris. Sound; Alambagh, ship, from Newcastle; Arg Sound, ship, from Liverpool; Pelham, barque, from Newcastle.	SATURDAY.
SAILED. —Springbok, barque, for Nymph, bid for Newcastle.	

ADELAIDE

The wine merchant who is mining is Mr. E. E. Cane. He was adjudged insolvent to-day.	SATURDAY.
Mr. Bower, a coal officer, recently arrived, has been engaged to take charge of a party to explore the country from Alice Springs towards Queensland. E starts in a week.	
Wheat is quiet at 7s. 7d. to 7s. 8d.	

The weather is very cold.

NEW ZEALAND.
[BY CABLE.]

WELLINGTON, SATURDAY.
Mr. Meyers, of Auckland, had had a meeting of his creditors. Liabilities, £11,000; assets, £8000.

ARRIVED.—TARANAKI, &c., from Melbourne, at the Bluff.

SPOKING.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SUNBURY COURSEING MATCHES.
THE WATKINS & CO. will race in the Wood Paddock, Sunbury, on Monday, and following days. The following draw this afternoon.—Hart's Domestic against Elworthy's Green; Oakleigh's Athel Union against Elworthy's Metrical; Hilday's Lord of Alton against Elworthy's Black Bess; Robertson's Rapid against Elworthy's Fish Wife; Wood's Beuvolo against Elworthy's Black Bess.

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TWO SONNETS ON THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

By HENRY MALLOLAN.

1.

REVEL them from us where I surmise: Unconscious thoughts!
Our friends and brothers in that distant land
Where strength of purpose, skillfulness of hand,
Can hardly bring the tollers bread, or eught
Which, in abundance, here is found if sought.
Here are broad acres open to demand
With right of choice and means of payment, plans!
So that the poorest has 'white' or he ought.
And 'I' who've given up my country, I've proved
This poorly contented of sunny wheat
That I crave, blue-skinned and golden-tressed—
That I have shinned, seeking, daily bread—
Should have abundance of food and health—
Shall we Thy bounty circumscribe, oh Lord?

11.

Come on—come all, with us! There is room to share
With all who can, in this new land of ours—
Where the kind earth, with happy hands,
Gives food and health to all who have.

Gives food for soul, and something still to spare.
We need not needly want, but that we may have
In flowing times, when we are young and strong,
Our front of strength where younger dangers loom,
We waste our life, however useful it dare,
The motherland may be, however distant it be,
And brave descendants in this favored land
To join her soldiers, and support her right,
Of hold unquestioned still, our wide domain,
Come once — come all, and make our future bright,
To live and die, to save her, to make her demand.

10th July, 1877.

RECORDING THE SPEED OF RAILWAY TRAINS—A self-recording locomotive for giving the velocity of rail road trains has been constructed by the American Locomotive Co. of Hartford, Conn., which during a trial for a year on a locomotive of the Hanover Road, has proved itself perfectly accurate. The apparatus consists of a series of wheels, which, as the train passes, register the velocity of the train at any moment ascertain- ing the number of revolutions of the wheels by looking at the dial, and at the end of the run by finding the record of the transit on a roll of paper. From the record the velocity of the train is introduced the stathograph on several of the roads leading from Berlin, for the purposes of ascertaining the time of transit.

JULY 16, 1877.

TEA MEETING and **TEA MEETING** to celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the MORNING STAR DIVISION. The event will be held in the Protestant Hall, Myrtle-street, Darlington, on **TUESDAY EVENING, July 17**. The tea on the tables at 7.30. **ADMISSION FREE—OPEN THIS DAY. THE**

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